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Howard County will receive federal disaster aid during a tour of Ellicott City

ELLICOTT CITY, MD – The U.S. Small Business Administration has made federal disaster aid available to homeowners, businesses and nonprofits impacted by the historic flood that damaged Ellicott City's Main Street July 30.

The news of the approval came while Howard County Executive Allan H. Kittleman and Maryland Governor Larry Hogan were touring Main Street in Ellicott City today.

"This opens up a new avenue of financial aid for the people who live or own a business in Ellicott City," said Kittleman. "We are tremendously grateful for our state and federal partners who worked diligently with us to be eligible for this small business loan program."

Under Hogan's direction, several state agencies have been working to provide assistance to homeowners and businesses, assisting them with filing property and casualty insurance claims, sponsoring the #ECStrong Job Fair, assigning Maryland State Troopers to work security and traffic control, and coordinating state workers to help with recovery efforts.

"We are very pleased that the federal government responded so quickly to our request for disaster aid," said Hogan. "We are continuing our ongoing discussions with Howard County on what work has to be done. Whatever resources we have as a state, Howard County will have."

As part of today's visit, Hogan met with Howard County employees to bolster spirits and thank them for their efforts.

In other recovery news ...

SBA's customer service representatives will be available at the Disaster Loan Outreach Center (DLOC) co-located at the Disaster Assistance Center at the Ellicott City 50+ Center at 9401 Frederick Road to answer questions about the disaster loan program and help individuals complete their applications beginning Friday, Aug. 12 at 8:30 a.m. Regular hours will include Saturday, Aug. 13 and Sunday, Aug. 14 from 8:00 a.m. to

4:00 p.m., weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 20 and Sunday, Aug. 21 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Access to Main Street for continued cleanup efforts will resume Saturday, Aug. 13 and Sunday, Aug. 14 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Please look for details and safety instructions online in the next couple days.

The Disaster Assistance Center will be open on Thursday, Aug. 13 and Friday, Aug. 14 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to assist residents, businesses and property owners, including issuing credentials to any who have not already received them.

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